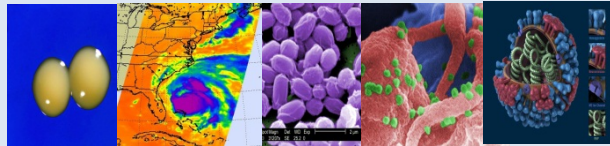




DO I NEED AN IMPORT PERMIT?

Layman's e-Tool



WHAT AM I IMPORTING?

- What type of material(s) will you be importing into the U.S.?
 - A. Animal or Human body fluids, tissues, body parts, blood/blood products, and feces
 - B. Bacterial isolates, Viral isolates, Fungal isolates, Prions, and toxins
 - C. Diagnostic or clinical samples (patient samples that will be tested for specific etiologic agent(s))
 - D. Environmental samples (air, water, soil, surfaces, etc.)
 - E. Genomic material (DNA, RNA, genomic vectors, i.e., plasmids)
 - F. Hosts or vectors (flies, mosquitoes, snails, ticks, etc.)
 - G. Human tissue/organs used for human transplants or grafts
 - H. Human remains
 - I. Vaccines/drugs/reagents
 - J. Live animals
 - A. Bats
 - B. Non-human primates
 - C. All other live animals

ARE THERE ETIOLOGIC AGENTS?

- Does the material to be imported contain any etiologic agent (any material containing or capable of causing disease in humans) or is being tested for a specific etiologic agent?
 - A. Yes
 - B. Yes – SARs Note: This includes interstate transfers
 - C. No
 - D. Don't Know

GENOMIC MATERIAL?

- Is the material being imported any of the following?
 - A. DNA
 - B. (+) RNA
 - C. (-) RNA
 - D. Genomic vectors, i.e., plasmids

GENOMIC VECTORS

- Does the genomic vector encode for an infectious agent? (More information may be required)
 - A. Yes
 - B. No

VACCINES/DRUGS/REAGENTS?

- Is the imported material any of the following?
 - A. FDA-approved vaccine
 - B. Non-FDA-approved vaccine
 - C. IND vaccine
 - D. IND drug
 - E. FDA-approved drugs
 - F. Non-FDA-approved drugs
 - G. Reagents
 - H. No

LIVE BATS

- Are you importing from overseas or transporting live bats from state to state?
 - A. Yes – importing from overseas. Fill out **Permit to Import or Transfer Live Bats** form.
 - B. Yes – transporting state to state
 - C. No

LIVE BATS

- Were the live bats imported at any time from overseas?
 - A. Yes – fill out **Permit to Import or Transfer Live Bats** form.
 - B. No
 - C. Don't Know – fill out **Permit to Import or Transfer Live Bats** form.

ARE THERE ANY SELECT AGENTS OR TOXINS?

- Does the imported material contain a select agent or select toxin?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Don't Know

YOU NEED A EAIPP PERMIT!

EAIPP application hyperlink – if you return to presentation, proceed to pages [13](#), [14](#) and [15](#).

- Please fill the **Permit to Import Biological Agents or Vectors of Human Disease (Fillable)** available at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/eaipp/importApplication/agents.htm>
- Once the import permit has been obtained, refer to the following resources for shipping and packaging guidance:
 - Shipping and packaging regulations: <http://www.iata.org/ps/publications/dgr/Pages/index.aspx>
 - Guide for Shipping Infectious Substances: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/eaipp/shipping/>

PERMIT NOT REQUIRED

- To facilitate clearance of materials that do not require a U.S. PHS Import Permit, the following is recommended:
 - A signed statement on official letterhead from the importer or person responsible for shipment.
 - Description of the material
 - Statement that this material is not known or suspected to contain an etiological agent, host, or vector of human disease
 - Verification that it has been packaged, labeled, and transported in accordance with all applicable regulations

- NOTES:**
- If a U.S. PHS Import Permit is not required, other permits may be required. If you were taken to another website you may be required to obtain that importation permit. (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/index.shtml; <http://www.fws.gov/permits/ImportExport/ImportExport.html>).
 - For non-human primates, live bats and other hosts of human disease, the decision concerning whether or not a permit is required will be assessed by CDC EAIPP technical reviewers. Therefore, please fill out the **Permit to Import or Transport Live Bats** form available at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/eaipp/importApplication/bats.htm> .

Infectious Material?

- Is the imported material infectious to humans?
 - A. [Yes](#)
 - B. [No](#)
 - C. [Don't know](#)

Additional Information Links

- Human Remains:
<http://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/human-remains.html>
- Non-Human Primates:
<http://www.cdc.gov/animalimportation/lawsregulations/nonhuman-primates/nprm/questions-answers-importers.html>
- Live Animals:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/live_animals.shtml

Additional Resources

- Division of Global Migration and Quarantine:
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dgmq/>
- U.S. Customs and Border Patrol: <http://cbp.gov/>
- U.S. Department of Agriculture:
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/permits/index.shtml>
- Guide for Shipping Infectious Substances:
<http://www.cdc.gov/od/eaipp/shipping/>
- Dangerous Goods:
http://www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/dangerous_goods/Pages/index.aspx



For further information, contact CDC's Etiological
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